

TRACUA A - TESTO ESTRATTO

Hi, Fred!

I'm sorry I haven't written for so long. How has your semester been?

I'm writing to let you know how things have been going during my semester abroad here in Málaga, Spain. I've already been here for six weeks, and I feel like I am finally adapting to the culture. I'm also speaking the language more fluently.

On Sundays, we eat a big home-cooked paella for lunch. In Spain, lunch is usually the biggest meal of the day. It's also very common for the people to take a midday nap right after a big meal. I am actually just waking up from my nap right now!

We have an extended weekend coming up, so a group of my friends and I are going to travel to France for four days.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Why don't you come and visit me here in Spain?

Best wishes,
Patrick

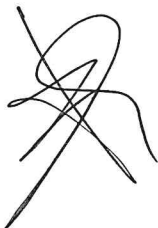
1. Why is Patrick writing to Fred?
2. What do Spanish people usually do right after a big meal?
3. What are Patrick and his friends doing next weekend?

TRACIA B

My name is Mark. I live in a house near the mountains. I have two brothers and one sister, and I was born last. My father teaches mathematics, and my mother is a nurse at a big hospital. My brothers are very smart and work hard in school. My sister is a nervous girl, but she is very kind. My grandmother also lives with us. She came from Italy when I was two years old. She has grown old, but she is still very strong. She cooks the best food!

My family is very important to me. We do lots of things together. My brothers and I like to go on long walks in the mountains. My sister likes to cook with my grandmother. At weekends we all play board games together. We laugh and always have a good time. I love my family very much.

1. Who does Mark live with?
2. Who cooks the best food in Mark's family?
3. What does Mark do at weekends?



TRACCA C

I have just returned from the greatest summer holiday! It was fantastic! I spent eight days in Paris, France. My best friends, Henry and Steve, came with me. We had a beautiful hotel room in the Latin Quarter, and it wasn't very expensive. We had a balcony with a wonderful view.

We visited many famous tourist places. My favorite was the Louvre, a well-known museum. I was always interested in art, so that was a special treat for me. The museum is huge, you could spend weeks there. Henry got tired walking around the museum and said "Enough! I need to take a break and rest."

We took lots of breaks and sat in cafes along the river Seine. The French food we ate was delicious. The wines were tasty, too. Steve's favorite part of the vacation was the hotel breakfast. He said he would be happy if he could eat croissants like those forever. We had so much fun that we're already talking about our next vacation!

1. Where did the author, Henry and Steve stay during their summer holidays in Paris?
2. What was the author's favourite place?
3. Did the author like French food and wines?

